GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE AIRLINES TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to allow India Private Airlines to operate in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether some Private Airlines have approached the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b, (c) &(d):Private Indian scheduled carriers have been permitted to operate on all overseas routes available to Indian side except Gulf countries and Saudi Arabia. Although Jet Airways and Air Sahara have evinced interest to operate to Pakistan, they have not been designated for this purpose as our existing Air Services Agreement with Pakistan provides for designation of only one airline. Indian Airlines is presently designated for operations to Pakistan.